

7 voltage regulation circuitry in electrical communication with said brake control  
8 unit;  
9 said CPU in electrical communication with a bus that is in communication with at  
10 least said brake activator such that said CPU provides a variable brake activation signal to said  
11 brake activator;  
12 a pressure sensor for providing pressure information to said CPU, said pressure  
13 sensor measuring a pressure within a master brake cylinder of a towing vehicle; and  
14 a voltage booster adapted to receive electrical energy from said battery and  
15 provide boosted voltage to said brake activator.

1 Sub 14. (Amended) A method for operating a brake controller system comprising:  
2 C17 receiving, by a CPU, a pressure signal indicating an amount of pressure in a  
3 master brake cylinder of a towing vehicle;  
4 signaling a voltage booster, by said CPU, to supply additional voltage above a  
5 towing vehicle standard voltage; and  
6 A2 actuating the towed vehicle brakes.

1 15. (Amended) A method for operating a brake controller system for a towed  
2 vehicle comprising:  
3 sensing brake fluid pressure within a towing vehicle's master brake cylinder;  
4 sensing current in an electric brake system on said towed vehicle;  
5 calculating with a brake controller unit the appropriate amount of brake force to  
6 be applied by a brake activator.

7 determining, by said CPU, whether a voltage booster is required to supply  
8 additional voltage to said towed vehicle's electric brake system;  
9 actuating said towed vehicle's electric brakes without actuating said towing  
10 vehicle brakes by use of a manual thumb brake switch;  
11 generating a signal from said brake controller unit that is based upon and  
12 directly proportional to a linear position of the manual thumb brake switch; and  
13 activating said brake activator with said signal; and  
14 applying an appropriate amount of brake force with an appropriate amount of  
15 voltage as directed by said brake controller unit.

1 16. (Amended) The method for operating a brake controller system according to  
2 claim 15 further comprising:  
3 signaling brake lights and a brake activator with said brake controller unit over a  
4 brake line by multiplexing signals over said brake line.

Please add the following new claims:

1 Sub 17-19. A trailer brake system comprising:  
2 a master brake fluid pressure sensor for measure a brake fluid pressure of a brake  
3 system in a towing vehicle and for providing a brake fluid pressure signal;  
4 a brake controller for controlling a brake activator, said brake activator being for  
5 activating a trailer brake, said brake controller comprising a CPU for receiving said brake fluid

6 pressure signal and for generating a signal for said brake activator so that said trailer brake is  
7 activated with a force related to said brake fluid pressure signal.

1 20. The trailer brake system of claim 19, further comprising:  
2 a finger control for actuating said trailer brake system without actuating said brake system of  
3 said towing vehicle, said finger control being electrically connected to said CPU, said finger  
4 control generating a braking signal based on a movement or position of said finger control.

1 21. The brake controller system of claim 19, further comprising:  
2 a display connected to said CPU for displaying trailer brake related information to  
3 user during operation of said trailer brake system, said trailer brake related information being at  
4 least one of Brake Gain; Time; Date; Last Maximum Brake; Last Maximum Stroke; Last Test;  
5 Maximum Brake; Last Test Maximum Stroke; Truck Control: Serial Number; Truck Control:  
6 Date Manufactured; Truck Control; Born on Date; Trailer Control: Serial Number; Trailer  
7 Control: Date Manufactured; Trailer Control: Born on Date; and Run Diagnostic: Test Brakes. - -